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1. On the eve of national holidays such as 1 May, 23 August, etc., propaganda leaflets were to be found in profusion in such places as the Baneasa Forests (44 03N, 26 02E). Formerly these leaflets were picked up and passed surreptitiously from hand to hand, much to the encouragement of the readers. 25X1
2. The immediate result was tightened security measures, searches and arrests.
3. More recently, people have become discouraged. They no longer believe in the promises of the leaflets. "We need facts. We are tired of empty words" is the common reaction.
4. United States, British and French broadcasts are faithfully listened to and have considerable effect. Western political developments cause pronounced swings between optimism and pessimism. Communist Bloc political propaganda, on the other hand, is a general irritant. 25X1

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